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This collection of papers reviews the state of U.S. education 20 years after the original "A Nation at Risk" report on the quality of schools by the National Commission on Educational Excellence. The first paper presents "Findings and Recommendations by the Koret Task Force on K-12 Education." Part 1, "'A Nation at Risk': Then and Now," includes: (1) "A Historic Document" (Diane Ravitch); (2) "Little Gain in Student Achievement" (Paul E. Peterson); (3) "What Has Changed and What Has Not" (Caroline M. Hoxby); (4) "Minority Children at Risk" (Paul Hill, Kacey Guin, and Mary Beth Celio); and (5) "The Importance of School Quality" (Eric A. Hanushek). Part 2, "Why So Little Was Reformed," includes: (6) "The Politics of the Status Quo" (Terry M. Moe); (7) "Teacher Reform Gone Astray" (Chester E. Finn, Jr.); (8) "The Curricular Smorgasbord" (Williamson M. Evers and Paul Clopton); and (9) "Neglecting the Early Grades" (E.D. Hirsch, Jr.). Part 3, "Getting Serious," includes: (10) "Real Accountability" (Herbert J. Walberg) and (11) "Real Choice" (John E. Chubb). (SM)

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